



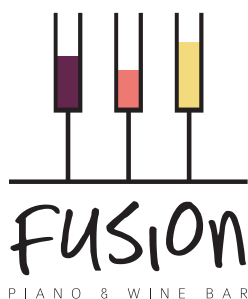
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Amid outcry, Bloomberg cancels NYC Marathon

New York City Marathon banners adorn an entrance to New York's Central Park, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Under growing pressure as thousands still shivered from Sandy, the marathon was canceled Friday by Mayor Michael Bloomberg after mounting criticism that this was not the time for a race.

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Mixed jobs report fails to jolt tight US election

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — A highly anticipated economic report failed to jolt the fiercely close U.S. presidential race four days before Americans choose between President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, two candidates prescribing starkly different solutions for putting the country on a more prosperous path.

Obama and Romney both tried to seize on the monthly jobs report released Friday to energize their bases and sway the few undecided voters still out there. The numbers held something for both candidates, showing the monthly unemployment rate ticked up slightly but created far more jobs than expected. Obama argued the report proved his policies over the

last four years have put the U.S. on the road to recovery. The Democratic incumbent warned voters that a Romney presidency would resurrect the policies that got the U.S. into financial trouble in the first place under Republican predecessor George W. Bush. Romney called the report a "sad reminder that the economy is at a virtual standstill" and warned



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney pauses as he speaks at a campaign event at Screen Machine Industries, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, in Etna, Ohio. Friday's highly anticipated jobs report failed to jolt the fiercely close U.S. presidential race four days before Americans choose between President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney, (AP Photo/David Goldman)

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grimly of political paralysis and another recession if Obama reclaims the White House.

Obama will face voters with the highest unemployment rate of any incumbent since Franklin Roosevelt during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

The government report showed the United States added a solid 171,000 jobs in October, and more than a half-million Americans joined the work force, the latest signs that the uneven economic recovery is gaining strength once again. But the unemployment rate inched up to 7.9 percent because not all those joining the work force found work.

It was the final snapshot of the economy before the election Tuesday.

"We've made real progress," Obama told a crowd in Ohio shortly after the report. "But we've got more work to do."

While the politically neutral report was unlikely to affect the election outcome, it brought the economy back into the national conversation in a country still preoccupied with the dev-

astation wrought by Superstorm Sandy on the U.S. East Coast.

Obama paused his campaigning for three days this week to manage the natural disaster. Romney muted criticism of the president during those days for fear of appearing to seek political advantage while Americans were suffering, and his campaign watched awkwardly as a once-prominent Obama critic, New Jersey's Republican Gov. Chris Christie, praised the president and toured storm damage with him.

Both candidates returned the fierce rhetoric they had set aside in the days following the monster storm.

Romney said an Obama presidency would mean more broken relations with Congress, showdowns over government shutdowns, a chilling effect on the economy and perhaps "another recession."

"He has never led, never worked across the aisle, never truly understood how jobs are created in the economy," said Romney, a former private equity firm executive, in a campaign stop in Wisconsin. □



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Amid outcry, Bloomberg cancels NYC Marathon

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 Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York City Marathon was canceled on Friday by Mayor Michael Bloomberg after mounting criticism that this was not the time for a race while the region is still recovering from Superstorm Sandy.

With people in storm-ravaged areas shivering without electricity and the death toll in the city at more than 40, many New Yorkers recoiled at the prospect of police officers being assigned to protect a marathon, storm victims being evicted from hotels to make way for runners, and big generators humming along at the finish-line tents in Central Park.

Around 47,500 runners from around the globe had been expected to take part in the 26.2-mile (42.2-kilometer) event Sunday, with more than 1 million spectators usually lining the route for the world's largest marathon. The race had been scheduled to start in Staten Island, one of the storm's hardest-hit places.

Bloomberg had pressed ahead with plans run the marathon on schedule, but opposition intensified quickly Friday afternoon from the city controller, Manhattan borough president and sanitation workers.

Finally, the mayor backed down about three hours later.

"We would not want a cloud to hang over the

race or its participants, and so we have decided to cancel it," Bloomberg said in a statement. "We cannot allow a controversy over an athletic event — even one as meaningful as this — to distract attention away from all the critically impor-

years" and "an event tens of thousands of New Yorkers participate in and millions more watch."

He still insisted that holding the race would not require diverting resources from the recovery effort, but understood the level of friction.

resiliency of New Yorkers, saying "This city is a city where we have to go on."

The nationally televised race that winds through the city's five boroughs and has been held annually since 1970 — it was held in 2001, about two months after the

very strongly, both of us together, that on Tuesday it seemed that the best thing for New York on Sunday would be moving forward. As the days went on, just today it got to the point where that was no longer the case."

Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association — the police department's largest union — called the decision to cancel the marathon "a wise choice."

Wittenberg said about 10,000 runners were expected to drop out after the storm arrived.

As of now, NYRR is sticking to its policy of no refunds for the runners, but will guarantee entry to next year's marathon. But Wittenberg said they will review that stance.

Eric Jones said he was part of a group from the Netherlands that collected \$1.5 million to donate to a children's cancer charity if the runners competed.

"We understand, but maybe the decision could have been made earlier, before we traveled this far," said Jones, whose group came to New York a day earlier.

Steve Brune, a Manhattan entrepreneur, was set to run his fourth NYC Marathon.

"I'm disappointed, but I can understand why it's more important to use our resources for those who have lost a lot," he said.

Brune said he thinks foreign runners who traveled for the race will be even more disappointed. □



Workers disassemble the finish line for the New York City Marathon in New York's Central Park, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Under growing pressure as thousands still shivered from Sandy, the marathon was canceled Friday by Mayor Michael Bloomberg after mounting criticism that this was not the time for a race.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

tant work that is being done to recover from the storm and get our city back on track."

The cancellation means there won't be another NYC Marathon until next year.

Bloomberg called the marathon an "integral part of New York City's life for 40

"It is clear it that it has become the source of controversy and division," Bloomberg said. "The marathon has always brought our city together and inspired us with stories of courage and determination.

Bloomberg's decision came just a day after he appealed to the grit and

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Mary Wittenberg, president of the organizing New York Road Runners, said it was the right move to cancel.

"This is what we need to do and the right thing at this time," she said.

"It's been a week where we worked very closely with the mayor's office and felt

US Pastor charged with killing fiancée's daughter

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Associated Press
BROOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Michigan (AP) — As police frantically worked to figure out how his fiancée's 24-year-old daughter had vanished, a Michigan pastor who had turned to God to shed his violent past went to his flock with a request: pray for her.

But all along, authorities say, he knew the sordid truth about where the young mother was.

The pastor, ex-convict John D. White, later confessed to killing the woman to fulfill a fantasy of necrophilia, police said Friday. White drank four or five beers before going to the woman's mobile home and repeatedly striking her head with a mallet and strangling her with a zip tie, according to court documents.

He said he stripped her



Rebekah Gay is shown. John D. White, a central Michigan pastor accused of beating and strangling Gay to fulfill a sexual fantasy was engaged to the Gay's mother, says Donna Houghton, a longtime member of Christ Community Fellowship, near Mount Pleasant. White was arraigned Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012 on first-degree murder charges. White told investigators he repeatedly struck Gay's head with a mallet then strangled her with a zip tie at her mobile home. (AP Photo)

dead body but does not remember if he carried out his sexual fantasy. After dumping her body, White returned to the mobile home and dressed her 3-year-old son in his Halloween costume, then later Wednesday morning ferried him to a store parking lot to be picked up by the boy's father.

"He kept saying he's a bad person, he's a pastor, he felt bad for the people in his church. ... I don't recall him bring real remorseful at all with regard to the victim or anything else," Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski told The Associated Press.

"He just basically said he was attracted to her, thought she was a very cute girl. It's a crazy, tragic situation," the sheriff added.

The case shocked the pastor's roughly 14-member congregation and raised questions about how a man

who had found religion after a criminal past could return to his dark past.

White was in jail without bond Friday, a day after he was charged with first-degree murder in Rebekah Gay's death in a rural area in Isabella County, 85 miles northwest of Lansing. The 55-year-old has asked for a court-appointed attorney.

White was engaged to Gay's mother and regularly watched her young son while she worked, said Donna Houghton, a church elder who had a role in hiring White three years ago to be pastor at Christ Community Fellowship. Church members, she said, were "absolutely floored" by the allegations.

"I protested his innocence until I had the absolute news that he confessed. Then he had no leg to stand on," she told the AP.

Before his arrest Thursday,

White called Houghton to ask that she contact other church members and start a prayer chain for Gay, who still was missing at the time.

"He was pretty shook up. He said the police were giving him a hard time," Houghton said.

White confessed that day after being told the woman's body was likely to deteriorate in the cold, wet weather, Mioduszewski said. He said his fantasy had been fueled by pornographic videos.

Houghton said the congregation was aware of White's criminal past when he joined the church. He was released from prison in 2007, after serving nearly 12 years for manslaughter in the death of a 26-year-old woman in Kalamazoo County, according to the Michigan Corrections Department. □

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Babysitter charged in 2 killings gave no warnings

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Associated Press

NAPERVILLE, Illinois (AP) — Prosecutors say the mother of a 5-year-old girl stabbed to death this week would have had no hint that something might be wrong when she left her daughter with the Polish-born babysitter now accused of killing the girl and the woman's own 7-year-old son. Elzbieta Plackowska had watched the suburban Chicago kindergartner fairly regularly since the beginning of the school year, State's Attorney Robert Berlin said. As far as prosecutors know, Plackowska has no history of mental illness or hospitalizations. And the investigation has turned up nothing that might have given the girl's mother pause about letting her continue babysitting, he said. "There was really no indication," Berlin said. "Nothing." The kindergartner's mother, Marta Dworakowski, could

not be reached for comment Friday. Reached by phone on Thursday, she told the Chicago Tribune, "I'm not ready to talk to anyone yet." Investigators continued Friday to interview people close to Plackowska and to comb the car she was driving Tuesday night for evidence. Berlin has said that a bloody knife — one of two believed to have been used in the killings — was found inside the vehicle. On Friday, a judge signed an order giving prosecutors possession of the car once police are finished with it. Plackowska, a 40-year-old Polish immigrant, came to the United States 12 years ago on a tourist visa, Berlin said. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Friday it had placed a hold on her because she could be eligible for deportation. ICE officials did not elaborate on the agency's statement, but one common reason ICE starts deportation proceedings is

because someone's tourist visa has expired. For now, Plackowska is being held without bail. She has been charged with first-degree murder in the

children's deaths. Authorities say she stabbed them dozens of times as they begged for their lives. Berlin said previously that Plackowska told investiga-

tors she killed her son because she was upset with her husband and the girl because she was a witness. On Friday, he said Plackowska told authorities she had been upset about her own father's recent death, but he couldn't say what role, if any, her grief may have played in her actions Tuesday. The children's gruesome deaths have shaken Naperville, a vibrant, populous suburb 25 miles (40 kilometers) west of Chicago. Officers discovered their bodies after Dworakowski reported her 5-year-old daughter, Olivia, missing. Dworakowski had arrived home to discover her door locked and the babysitter's car gone. □



A makeshift memorial is seen outside a home in Naperville, Ill., Friday, Nov. 2, 2012, where two children were found stabbed to death on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Elzbieta Plackowska was accused Thursday of stabbing her 7-year-old son 100 times and a 5-year-old girl she was babysitting about 50 times.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

Gang member sentenced to death for murder of athlete

Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - A gang member who killed a promising Los Angeles High School football player because he believed the athlete's red Spider-Man backpack linked him to an opposing gang was sentenced to death on Friday.

Pedro Espinoza had told authorities he was willing to kill for his gang, even if it meant going to death row.

Superior Court Judge Ronald H. Rose imposed that very sentence — ordering Espinoza taken to San Quentin State Prison. The judge rejected defense arguments that the 23-year-old didn't get a fair trial.

"The evidence is clear he decided to murder the victim in cold blood and bragged about the killings after," Rose said. "The defendant executed the victim as he lay on the ground defenseless."

Jamiel Shaw II was a 17-year-old standout running back when he was gunned down in 2008. He was not a gang member.

His parents and friends appeared in court Friday wearing red. They said it wasn't to symbolize a gang — but for "the blood spilled."

"You don't have a right to execute someone and then come in and plead not to be executed," said Jamiel Shaw Sr., the father of the victim.

Shaw said he devoted his life to preparing his son for a brilliant athletic career.

"We really thought we had a chance," he said. "My son was groomed to succeed."

Anita Shaw, a U.S. Army sergeant, told of being in Iraq on her second tour of duty when she was summoned by her commander and told that her son had been murdered. □



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Indiana complicates Republican Senate math

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican chances of capturing control of the Senate in Tuesday's elections could be dimming, amid signs that the party's candidate in the state of Indiana has fallen behind after his incendiary remarks about rape and pregnancy. Republicans have little margin for error in their quest to win control of the Senate from the Democrats, and controlling the upper chamber will be essential for either President Barack Obama or Republican challenger Mitt Romney to get their agenda through Congress, where Republicans control the House of Representatives. Republican failure in Indiana, combined with the likely



Indiana Democrat Senate candidate Joe Donnelly meets with supporters at a UAW union hall in Lafayette, Ind. Fresh signs that Democrats could snatch Indiana's Senate seat from the Republicans make it distinctly harder for the GOP to seize the Senate majority in Tuesday's election.

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

loss of a seat in Maine and quite possibly in Massachusetts, would put the party

in a deep hole. Democrats control the Senate by a 53-47, so Republicans need a net pickup of four seats if Obama wins reelection, or three if Romney wins. If Republicans lose their

seats in Indiana, Maine and Massachusetts, they face an uphill battle in gaining control of the Senate. They would have to win all the competitive open seats now in Democratic hands — Nebraska, North Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin — plus knock off incumbents in Montana, Ohio and perhaps Pennsylvania. Analysts predict that Democrats will narrowly hold the Senate, while Republicans are expected to keep the House. In Indiana, the latest survey out Friday showed Democratic Rep. Joe Donnelly leading Republican Richard Mourdock by 11 percentage points after the Republican candidate's awkward debate comment last week that pregnancy resulting from rape is "something God intended."

Mourdock has scrambled

to recover since the gaffe, but it has taken a toll in the closing days of a competitive race.

The Howey/DePauw University Battleground poll also showed that the state treasurer isn't winning over women, independents and a percentage of Republicans.

"We're very hopeful about Indiana and other opportunities to win other Republican-held seats and help us keep the majority on election night," said Matt Canter, spokesman for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. "Putting Republican-held seats in play is the key to success here."

Mourdock also has struggled to satisfy backers of six-term moderate Sen. Richard Lugar, the man he defeated handily in the May Republican primary.

Senators:

US gets access to Libya attack suspect

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Tunisian government will allow the United States access to a suspect in the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, two senators said Friday. Republicans Lindsey Graham and Saxby Chambliss said they have been pushing the Tunisian government for access to Ali Ani al Harzi.

Earlier this week, in a letter to Tunisia's government, Graham wrote that "providing access to this suspect is of the highest importance to me and many other members of Congress." He said, the Tunisian response was "of the utmost importance and could have profound impacts on the relations between our two countries moving forward."

Chambliss last week met with the FBI to emphasize the need for direct access to this suspect and any other individuals related to the Benghazi attacks that killed U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and three other Americans on Sept. 11.

The senators said U.S. investigators would interview the suspect under Tunisian supervision. The Tunisian government has confirmed it arrested the 28-year-old Tunisian and that he was in custody in Tunis.

"Allowing American investigators in person access will make the interview more meaningful and is a welcome breakthrough in our efforts to find the perpetrators of the Benghazi Consulate attacks," the senators said in a statement.

State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland would not comment on the development. "I'm not going to be speaking about any aspect of the requirements to bring to justice those who were responsible for the Benghazi attack," she said. "I'm not going to speak about our conversations with other governments. I'm not going to speak about what we're learning, or who we may be pursuing along with the Libyans." Deputy Secretary of State William Burns met Thursday with Hedi Ben Abbes, a senior Tunisian foreign ministry official, but there were no details on the meeting. □

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Federal relief costs likely to be big, contested

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WASHINGTON – The first trickle of federal funds has started to go out following Hurricane Sandy – \$29 million to rebuild highways, \$30 million to hire temporary workers to help with the cleanup. But lawmakers are just beginning to tally what is certain to be a multibillion-dollar bill for the federal government, at a time of fiscal restraint. At least initially, New York, New Jersey and other states most affected by Hurricane Sandy will be spared the traditional fights in Washington over disaster assistance, thanks to a little-noticed provision in last year's budget agreement that arose from the debt-ceiling fight and resulted in Congress setting aside roughly \$12 billion for disaster relief.

The Federal Emergency Management Office has \$7.5 billion to spend this fiscal year, and an additional \$5 billion could be made available, with no spending offsets required in other government programs.

While that will help in the short term, the East Coast states hit by the giant storm will almost certainly request billions in additional federal dollars, which would require appropriations by Congress and could set off partisan – or geographic – wrangling and stir long-standing concerns about fraud and waste.

New York state officials have already started to apply pressure on the federal government to cover a greater share of the rebuilding cost than is provided under the law, seeking 100 percent reimbursement for major infrastructure projects, compared with the 75 percent automatically provided in major disasters. State officials have also talked of an ambitious new sea wall system, with a possible price tag of at least \$10 billion, that could protect New York from a future superstorm. □

Campaigns brace to sue for votes in crucial states

ETHAN BRONNER

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CLEVELAND – Thousands of lawyers from both presidential campaigns will enter polling places Tuesday with one central goal: tracking their opponents and, if need be, initiating legal action. It will be a kind of Spy vs. Spy.

The lawyers will note how poll workers behave, where

in Cuyahoga County and 2,500 across the state, their organizers say. They have been holding training sessions, grouping legal volunteers into workers and supervisors. The Republicans have much smaller teams – about 70 in this county – and will rely more on surrogates, including nonlawyer poll workers. Each side says the other cannot be trusted

tions and where there had been allegations of impropriety. He said the Democrats had built up such a huge legal team because their strategy was to create enough confusion so the race would have to move to court.

"It's pretty cynical," he said. "That's why we need to have people on the ground: to keep an eye on

local and will see any recount or challenge through what could be weeks of litigation on a range of issues. This week, Robert F. Bauer, the chief counsel to the Obama campaign, sent a letter to the Wisconsin attorney general complaining about misinformation he said the Romney campaign was giving its poll observers during training there. According to the letter, the observers were being given incomplete information on voter identification requirements and assistance available for disabled voters. They were also being urged to sign into polling stations as "concerned citizens," which Bauer said was a misrepresentation and a possible legal offense.

In Pennsylvania, confusion remains over voter ID requirements that could lead to courtroom battles. Because of a law passed earlier this year, poll workers there are instructed to ask voters for official photo IDs, but a judge ruled that voters who do not have them may vote in a normal way anyway.

Ellen Kaplan of the nonpartisan citizen group Committee of Seventy said that she had warned state officials that their advertisements emphasized IDs in a misleading way and that court action might follow.

"For this election, we have many, many lawyer volunteers," she added. Elsewhere, there are questions about absentee ballots and the rules on vote recounts as well as whether state or federal court is the right venue for each question.

In Wisconsin, Romney officials are asking for an extension of the deadline for absentee ballots because some went out late to military personnel overseas. A coalition of liberal nonpartisan groups led by the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law will be operating in 22 states offering voters help and a hotline. Here in Ohio, as in Florida, the first issue likely to go to court on Election Day is a request to keep polls opened late if lines are long. □



Poll worker trainees learn how to set up a voting machine during a polling location coordinator training class at the Board of Elections in Cleveland, Oct. 30, 2012. Thousands of lawyers from both presidential campaigns will enter polling places Nov. 6 with one central goal: tracking their opponents and, if need be, initiating legal action. (Michael F. McElroy/The New York Times)

voters are directed, if intimidation appears to be occurring, whether lines are long. And they will report up a chain of command where decisions over court action will be made at headquarters in Chicago and Boston.

This will go on in every battleground state – including Wisconsin, Virginia, Florida, even Pennsylvania – but it will be most focused in Ohio and especially in Greater Cleveland, which is heavily Democratic and where many people believe history teaches a simple lesson: The more votes cast here, the likelier President Barack Obama is to win.

As the persuasion effort winds down, campaigns are focused on getting their supporters to vote and getting those votes counted. The result has been a mass mobilization of lawyers. The Democrats will have 600 lawyers in action here

and, given the likelihood of a tight presidential race, the risks of litigation here – and delayed results – are high.

"If it's close, you will see both sides running to court," said Jeff Hastings, a Republican and chairman of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

The Democrats say they fear acts of sabotage.

"How tough would it be for them to send people to the wrong precincts and tie up poll workers to slow things down?" asked Stuart Garson, chairman of the Democratic Party of Cuyahoga County. "If we see someone getting in someone's face, our lawyers will be there."

Robert S. Frost, the chairman of the county Republican Party, said his legal volunteers would be at precincts where Republican poll workers were thinly represented in past elec-

the other side."

The Democrats feel the same way.

"In each battleground state, we are recruiting thousands of attorney volunteers to help recruit, train, educate and observe at polling locations," the Obama campaign said in a statement. "We've retained or opened pipelines to the nation's top experts on voting systems, registration databases, ballot design, student voting and provisional ballots."

Party organizers say the recruitment is similar in number to those of the past two presidential elections, a result of the Florida stalemate, recount and Supreme Court decision in 2000 that gave the election to George W. Bush. But it began earlier and appears to be more widely spread this time. Some of the recruits are brought in from out of state, but most are



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Iranians mark anniversary of US embassy seizure

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — As Iranians marked the 33rd anniversary of the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, a commander of the powerful Revolutionary Guard on Friday offered a pot of gold to anyone who could prove that America is not "the most criminal regime on earth."

Speaking to a crowd of thousands outside the building that once housed the embassy, Gen. Mohammad Reza Naqdi said 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of gold would be given to anyone who found a regime "more criminal than the United States."

But, he added, that would be impossible, because the Guard has "already done the research and found Washington is the worst on earth."

Naqdi's speech was in keeping with the defiant rhetoric that Iran's leadership often uses during the annual rallies marking the embassy seizure. He also said Iran would only restore diplomatic ties with the

United States if Washington disbands the CIA and removes its bases from the region.

As he spoke, Iranian students outside the former embassy building chanted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" and

burned U.S. and Israeli flags. The rally marked the Nov. 4, 1979 storming of the embassy by militant Iranian students who held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days to protest America's refusal to hand over the toppled Iranian shah Mohammad

Reza Pahlavi back to the country for trial.

Washington severed relations with Tehran after the embassy takeover, and they have not been restored since.

This year's demonstration in Tehran, which under the Persian calendar fell two days ahead of the anniversary according to the Western calendar, comes as Iran's relations with the West are at their lowest yet. Concerns are also rising as Israel has threatened to strike Iran's nuclear facilities if Tehran doesn't stop uranium enrichment — a process that can be a pathway to nuclear arms.

The West suspects Iran is using its civilian nuclear program as a cover to develop atomic weapons. Tehran has denied the charges, saying its program is peaceful and geared toward generating electricity and producing radioisotopes to treat cancer patients.

Iran has been hard hit by intensified U.S. and European Union economic sanctions meant to curb the suspect nuclear program.

Ordinary Iranians have felt the bite of the sanctions and the Iranian rial has plummeted in value against the dollar, a slide that has accelerated over the past month.

At Friday's rally, students brandished an effigy of President Barack Obama and distributed pamphlets denouncing America and the sanctions. One banner called Obama a "loyal dog" of Israel, with a caricature showing the U.S. president with a metal chain around his neck linked to an Israeli flag.

The former embassy is now painted with anti-American murals and used as a training site for Guard troops.

Naqdi, who commands the Guard's paramilitary branch known as the Basij, set his own "conditions" for resumption of diplomatic relations with the U.S. in a speech to the crowd.

The U.S., he said, must abolish the CIA, pull out its warships from the Persian Gulf and dismantle its military bases in 50 countries around the world if it wants to restore ties with Tehran. □



Iranians show their hands, with writing in Persian in support Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, denouncing the U.S. and one of them with the word "Nuclear Scientist," during an annual state-backed rally in front of the former US Embassy in Tehran, Iran, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. The rally marks the Nov. 4, 1979, storming of the building by militant students who held 52 Americans hostage for 444 days to protest U.S. failure to hand over the toppled shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi to Iran for trial. Gen. Mohammad Reza Naqdi of the powerful Revolutionary Guard, not shown, addressed the rally saying the U.S. must annul the CIA, pull out its warships from the Persian Gulf and dismantle its military bases from 50 countries around the world if it wants to restore ties with Tehran.

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3 IRA suspects arrested over prison guard killing

SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — Northern Ireland police arrested three suspected Irish Republican Army militants Friday on suspicion of killing an off-duty prison officer, a rare slaying that has inspired political condemnation across Britain and Ireland.

The three men aged 29, 31 and 44 were arrested at their homes in Lurgan, a power base for IRA die-hards opposed to Northern Ireland peacemaking.

Police said the elder suspect is Colin Duffy, the most prominent Irish republican in Lurgan, who has successfully defended himself against a series of murder charges dating back to 1993.

A gunman in a passing car shot a 52-year-old prison guard, David Black, as he drove to work Thursday on Northern Ireland's main highway.

Police said Black was hit by several bullets, then his car plunged off the road into a ravine. The attackers'



A mural showing a dissident Irish Republican gunman adorns a wall in the mainly Catholic Kilwilkie estate in Lurgan, Northern Ireland, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Two men have been arrested in connection with the murder of Northern Ireland prison officer, David Black. The pair, aged 31 and 44, were detained in the Lurgan area in County Armagh on Friday morning. One of them is the prominent republican, Colin Duffy. Mr Black, 52, was attacked on the M1 motorway in County Armagh as he drove to work on Thursday.

(AP Photo/Peter Morrison)

getaway car was found, abandoned and burned out, in nearby Lurgan.

Black was the first prison officer to be killed in the British territory since 1993,

the year before the major outlawed paramilitary groups on both sides began open-ended truces that blossomed slowly into a successful peace pro-

cess.

None of Ireland's IRA splinter groups has claimed responsibility for the killing.

But they have repeatedly threatened to kill prison

staff as part of their campaign to rattle Northern Ireland with sporadic violence.

Over the past year, more than 40 jailed members of various IRA factions have waged a bitter protest inside Black's workplace, the high-security Maghaberry (pronounced Muh-GAB-ry) Prison midway between Lurgan and Belfast, and analysts say Black's killing could signal the start of a new effort to target off-duty guards. Unlike police and British soldiers, most guards are not supplied handguns for personal protection.

The prisoners seek an end to the guards' policy of strip-searching them for weapons parts, drugs and cell phones, all of which were smuggled into Maghaberry before the strip-searching policy began.

Prisoners are tossing their feces into the halls or smearing it on their cell walls, aping an IRA prison-protest tactic of the 1970s. □

Russian PM argues for Pussy Riot's release

LAURA MILLS

Associated Press

PARTSA, Russia (AP) — Russia's prime minister said Friday the women in the Pussy Riot punk band serving two-year prison sentences should be set free, while a band member's husband tried to visit his wife in jail in a central Russian region known for its gloomy Stalinist-era gulags.

Three members of the band were convicted on hooliganism charges in August for performing a "punk prayer" at Moscow's main cathedral during which they pleaded with the Virgin Mary for deliverance from President Vladimir Putin.

One of them, Yekaterina Samutsevich, was released on appeal last month, but the other two, Nadezhda Tolokonnikova and Maria Alekhina, were sent to prison camps to serve their sentences.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said Friday that he detested the Pussy Riot act, but added the women have been in prison long enough

and should be released. He made a similar statement before October's appeal hearings, fueling speculation about their possible release. Medvedev's latest comment is unlikely to take effect, since he is widely seen as a liberal yet nominal government figure whose

pledges and orders are seldom followed through on.

Also Friday, Tolokonnikova's husband, Pyotr Verzilov, was turned away by authorities when he tried to visit her at a prison camp in the village of Partsa in Mordovia, a region well known in Russia for the Gulag camps here filled with

the tens of thousands in the 1930s.

He had brought paperwork regarding the ongoing legal drama of the Pussy Riot trial, which should have enabled him to meet his wife on prison grounds. But he was told that she remains

in quarantine for several more days. Tolokonnikova and a team of lawyers are planning an appeal to a regional court, requesting that her sentence be put off until the couple's daughter, 4-year-old Gera, is 14, Verzilov said. □



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UN says Syria video shows apparent war crime

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GENEVA – The United Nations said Friday that a new video from war-torn Syria circulating on the Internet and seeming to show anti-government fighters armed with rifles kicking and summarily executing a group of captured soldiers or militiamen could, if verified, represent evidence of a war crime to prosecute the perpetrators. “It looks very likely that this is a war crime, another one,” Rupert Colville, a spokesman for the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, told journalists in Geneva, where the commission has its headquarters.

U.N. investigators had already collected evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity by government and rebel forces that could support prosecutions of those responsible by national or international tribunals, Colville said. The new video, if verified, could be part of that evidence, he added.

“There should be no illusion that accountability will follow,” Colville said. His remarks followed similar assessments on Thursday, when the video began circulating, by human rights groups who also called it evidence of a war crime and another indication that both sides were increasingly committing atrocities.

The video, which could not be authenticated independently, appeared to have been made in Saraqeb, a town in Idlib province in northern Syria that has

been the scene of particularly brutal fighting between rebels and loyalists in the 20-month-old conflict. In the video, 10 prisoners are shown being forced by

their captors to lie next to or atop one another in what remained of a largely destroyed structure that may have been a military checkpoint. The antigovernment fighters, whose precise identities or affiliations were not clear, yell “Allah Akhbar!” or “God is great!” as they kick and herd the prisoners into a pile. Then they open fire.

“This shocking footage depicts a potential war crime in progress and demonstrates an utter disregard for international humanitarian law by the armed group in question,” said Ann Harrison, deputy director of Amnesty International’s Middle East and North Africa program. □



A Syrian child who fled with her family from the violence in their village, looks inside a cardboard box at a refugee camp, in the Syrian village of Qatma, near the Turkish border with Syria. (AP Photo/Idlib News Network ENN)

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Iranian hard-liners reject U.S. talks

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TEHRAN, Iran – Angry Iranians gathered in front of the former U.S. Embassy here in Tehran on Friday to celebrate the annual “Day of Fighting the Global Arrogance,” and a senior security official warned against any compromise with the “great Satan.” Holding up models of missiles, which had “Made in Iran” proudly written on them, bearded youths stood before the former U.S. mission here, almost 33 years after it was seized by Islamic students on Nov. 4, 1979. The hostage crisis that ensued led to 444 days of captivity for 52 U.S. diplomats and the break in diplomatic relations between Washington and Tehran that continues today.

While The New York Times reported last month that Washington and Tehran were testing the waters for direct talks – an idea denied in both capitals – Iranian hard-liners turned the annual commemoration on Friday into a stage for opposing any form of compromise.

“Today we commemorate the conquering of the castle of Satan!” shouted Mohammad Reza Naghdi, the commander of a paramilitary group. “Hear me now, we condemn all sorts of secret talks!”

Senior officials have accused President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of wanting to start such talks, stressing that decisions about potential relations with the United States can only be made by the supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. While it is unclear if any secret approaches were being made, the speech during the commemoration ceremony seemed aimed at convincing the public that it is better not to have relations with Washington.

Naghdi said that the embassy seizure had been a turning point in history – the start of America’s decline and the rise of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

“In those days, the U.S. could change governments with one phone call,” he said. “But we took their embassy, and today we witness the fallen and miserable America in front of Iran.” □

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Soldiers stand guards outside St. Rita's Catholic church following a suicide bombing in Kaduna, Nigeria. Soldiers in northeast Nigeria shot dead more than 40 people, likely civilians, during an operation in a city long under attack by a radical Islamist sect, a hospital official said Friday.

(AP Photo)

Soldiers raid in Nigeria's north kills more than 40

HARUNA UMAR
Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Soldiers in northeast Nigeria shot dead more than 40 people, likely civilians, during an operation in a city long under attack by a radical Islamist sect, a hospital official said Friday.

An official at Maiduguri General Hospital said soldiers brought the corpses, mostly young men, into the hospital Thursday night. The official said Friday that the dead came from the Kalari neighborhood and did not appear to be armed combatants of the Islamist sect known as Boko Haram.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity out of fear of angering the soldiers.

Lt. Col. Sagir Musa declined to discuss the killings Friday. However, the Hausa language service of the BBC reported its journalists spoke to residents in the city who said the youths had been rounded up in house-to-house searches by soldiers and later were shot dead in a field.

Both Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have said Nigerian security, as well as Boko Haram, have probably committed crimes against humanity in their fighting. In October, soldiers shot dead more than 30 civilians and burned homes in Maiduguri after a bomb suspected to have been planted by the sect killed a lieutenant.

In a separate incident in Maiduguri, a retired general was shot dead by gunmen suspected to be the Islamist extremists. The killing of Gen. Mamman Shuwa may spark more retaliatory attacks in this city by Nigerian security forces, who already face growing international criticism for abusing and detaining civilians in its ongoing fight against the Islamist extremist sect. □

Labor protests restart in Greece with subway, suburban rail strike

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Subway and suburban rail services in Greece's capital have been halted by a 24-hour strike, as labor unions prepare for a new round of major protests against deeper austerity measures. Friday's transport strike in Athens, to protest pay cuts and broader privatization plans, was held ahead of a 48-hour general strike next Tuesday that will halt flights for three hours on that day. Separate protests are also planned next week that will hit public transport, ferry services, state hospitals, and the ambulance service.

Greece's coalition government is struggling to push through a new round of austerity measures that is set to impose new wage, pension, and benefit cuts on a public already plagued by 25 percent unemployment.

A junior coalition partner



Trains are parked at a depot during a 24-hour strike held by the drivers of Athens metro and urban railway services to protest against new austerity measures, northern Athens, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Greece's parliament will vote next week on euro 13.5 billion (\$17.5 billion) in additional spending cuts and tax increases over two years. Greece needs the next installment of its bailout cash to avoid bankruptcy.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

has already said it will vote against the measures in parliament next week, demanding that labor reforms to be included in the draft bill be dropped or brought as separate legislation.

"There is no time for that," Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras said, rejecting the demand. He added he was "quite confident" the austerity measures would be approved. □

Hamas PM blasts Abbas over remarks

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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The prime minister of the Hamas-ruled Gaza strip criticized the Palestinian president on Friday for comments given to Israeli media, alleging that they contradict longtime Palestinian territorial demands.

Ismail Haniyeh said Friday that Mahmoud Abbas' remarks, aired on Israel's Channel 2, were "extremely dangerous."

Abbas, who was speaking about borders of a future Palestinian state, said the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem are Palestine — and the rest is Israel.

He said that while he would like to see his birthplace — Safed, now a town in northern Israel — he doesn't want to live there. "I am a refugee but I am living in Ramallah. I believe that the West Bank and Gaza is Palestine. And the other parts is Israel," Ab-

bas said. "I want to see Safed. It is my right to see it but not to live there," he said.

Palestinian officials did not return calls seeking comment.

But Abbas's remarks do not reflect the official Palestinian position of reaching an agreement where refugees will receive compensation while a smaller amount would be allowed back.

Gaza's Islamic militant Hamas movement, alongside many other Palestinians, said Abbas' remarks suggested millions of refugees and their descendants would not return to the places they fled in wars with Israel.

"It is not possible for any person, regardless of who he is ... to give up a hand's width of this Palestinian land, or to give up the right of return to our homes from which we were forced out," Gaza's Hamas ruler Ismail Haniyeh said. □

Israel pushing ahead in medical marijuana industry

LAUREN E. BOHN

Associated Press

SAFED, Israel (AP) — Moshe Rute survived the Holocaust by hiding in a barn full of chickens. He nearly lost the use of his hands after a stroke two years ago. He became debilitated by recurring nightmares of his childhood following his wife's death last year. "But after I found this, everything has been better," said the 80-year-old, as he gingerly packed a pipe with marijuana.

Rute, who lives at the Hadarim nursing home outside of Tel Aviv, is one of more than 10,000 patients who have official government permission to consume marijuana in Israel, a number that has swelled dramatically, up from serving just a few hundred patients in 2005.

The medical cannabis industry is expanding as well, fueled by Israel's strong research sector in medicine and technology — and notably, by government encouragement. Unlike in the United States and much of Europe, the issue inspires al-

most no controversy among the government and the country's leadership. Even influential senior rabbis do not voice any opposition



In this photograph made on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2012, Rivke Holop, 85, eats medical cannabis at the old age nursery home in kibbutz Naan next to the city of Rehovot, Israel.

(Associated Press)

to its spread, and secular Israelis have a liberal attitude on marijuana.

Now, Israel's Health Ministry is considering the distribution of medical marijuana through pharmacies beginning next year, a step taken by only a few countries, including Holland, which has traditionally led the way in Europe in legalizing medi-

cal uses of the drug. Marijuana is illegal in Israel but medical use has been permitted since the early 1990s for cancer patients

and those with pain-related illnesses such as Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and even post-traumatic stress disorder. Patients can smoke the drug, ingest it in liquid form, or apply it to the skin as a balm.

In stark contrast, medical use is still hotly contested in the United States, with only 17 states and Washington,

D.C. permitting medical marijuana for various approved conditions. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says smoked marijuana is not medicine, and "has not withstood the rigors of science." In Europe, Spain, Germany and Austria have allowed or decriminalized some degrees of medical marijuana use. The numbers of patients authorized to use marijuana in Israel is still far lower than those in the U.S. states where it is legal. Colorado, for example, has 82,000 reg-

istered users in a population of 5 million, compared the 10,000 in Israel, a country of 8 million people.

But Israelis seem enthusiastic about moving the industry forward.

"When push comes to shove, and people see how suffering people are benefiting, I'm sure everyone will get behind it," said Yuri Edelstein, Israeli Minister of Public Diplomacy, as he toured Israel's largest marijuana growing farm, Tikun Olam, on Thursday and lauded the facility as an ex-



In this photograph made on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, cannabis cigarettes are seen at Tikun Olam medical cannabis farm, near the northern Israeli city of Safed, Israel.

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The Hadarim nursing home, which encourages medical marijuana use, gives its patients cannabis produced at Tikun Olam farm, tucked away on nearly 3 acres in the picturesque Galilee region.

The company, one of around eight government-sanctioned grow-operations in Israel, distributes cannabis for medical purposes to almost 2,000 Israeli patients who have a recommendation from a doctor. The cannabis can be picked up at the company's store in Tel Aviv, or administered in a medical center.

This year, the company also developed a marijuana strain used by a quarter of its customers, said to carry all the reported medical benefits of cannabis, but without THC, the psychoactive chemical component that causes a high. □



Dushi Bagels, Burgers & Burgers hosts first annual Oktoberfest Beer Festival

PALM BEACH – Locals and visitors alike put on their best lederhosen and dirndls to celebrate the first annual Oktoberfest Beer Festival, hosted by Dushi Bagels and Burgers & Burgers.

The popular food spot, located at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, created a special menu for the event, featuring Pretzels, a Bavarian Roast Beef Sandwich, Oktober Burger with

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Making an even bigger

splash was the debut of the Dushi Bagels and Burger & Burgers Beer Towers; sky-high towers filled with ice-cold beer, kept cold by an inner ice tube, supplying visitors with up to two liters of beer that they could serve themselves, right at their table. The Beer Towers are sure to be a hit at many Happy Hours in the future. The Dushi Bagels terrace, overlooking the hustle and bustle of the Palm Beach street side was hopping with live DJ mixing, also surprising party-goers with some fun traditional Oktoberfest music interspersed with contemporary Latin dance.

The first Oktoberfest was a great hit, and owners Fernando and Carina have already promised that there will be many more to come.

Photos show everyone having a blast during the first annual Oktoberfest Beer Festival at Dushi Bagels and Burgers & Burgers. □



Thrills and chills abound as Trop Casino celebrates Halloween with a Spooktacular Slot Tournament

Eagle Beach – Witches, zombies, ghosts and even a Hindu deity ran amok at Trop Casino on Wednesday night, as the casino celebrated Halloween with live entertainment and a \$10 Spooktacular Slot Tournament. The slot frenzy was enjoyed by all, and ended with winners walking away with up to \$1,000 in cash prizes, while the Hot Seat offered up another \$1,000 in prizes. Awarding even those who didn't hit the jackpot, Trop Casino had a sweet treat bag from which Advantage members could select a candy bar and possibly win even more prizes, if they had accumulated 50 points on their Trop Casino Advantage Card on Halloween. Everybody had a great time showing off their scary, funny, sexy and over-the-top Halloween outfits for the chance to win cool prizes during the casino's Halloween Costume Contest. In the end, it was the

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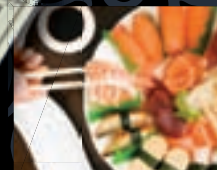


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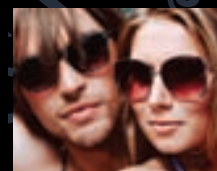
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PALM BEACH – For the past thirty-one years, Caren Hann, President of the Jeri Finesilver Cancer Foundation (JFCF) has organized fundraiser vacations to Aruba. The JFCF is a non-profit organization that supports the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System. The JFCF group consists of families from the New York, New Jersey and Florida areas and has been staying at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino since 1996. With

the funds of the trips, one of the greatest achievements was the donation of the first Linear Accelerator to treat cancer patients from 80 to 800 treatments per week at the Long Island Hospital in New York.

Caren Hann, a true Aruba ambassador, who loves and adores the beautiful island of Aruba, visits the island three times a year. While she spends her Christmas holidays with her family, she organizes twice

per year the Jeri Finesilver fundraiser vacations with a number of participants from 40 up till 100 in February and October.

"The program is designed for our participants to relax and have a great time in Aruba, says Caren Hann. We love Aruba and the people of Aruba, that is the main reason why visit the island every year." Together with her son Ricky, Vice President of the JFCF, they organize the entire trip from hotel and dinners reservations on island, flight arrangements and some fun playtime at the Stellaris Casino. Throughout the vacation the group has the opportunity to win great raffle prizes donated by businesses from Long Island, New York.

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Jerzy Janowicz of Poland celebrates after defeating Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia during their quarterfinal match at the Paris Tennis Masters tournament, Friday, Nov. 2, 2012.

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Ferrer and Janowicz reach Paris semifinals

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Fourth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain moved closer to his first Masters title after beating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 6-2, 7-5 in the Paris Masters quarterfinals on Friday, while Polish qualifier Jerzy Janowicz continued his remarkable run by eliminating No. 8 Janko Tipsarevic.

Ferrer did not face a single breakpoint against Tsonga, the 2008 champion, breaking him three times in the match. The sixth-seeded Tsonga saved two match points before hitting a loose forehand wide.

Ferrer's semifinal opponent will be the winner of Friday's late match between Frenchman Michael Llodra and big-serving American Sam Querrey, neither of whom are seeded.

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Steelers-Giants game to go on as scheduled

Pittsburgh Steelers guard Ramon Foster (73) jumps on running back Chris Rainey (22) after Rainey scored on an 11-yard touchdown run in the second half of an NFL football game against the Cincinnati Bengals, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, in Cincinnati. Associated Press Page 19

Paris Masters

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Earlier, Janowicz was leading 3-6, 6-1, 4-1 against eighth-seeded Janko Tipsarevic when the Serbian retired.

Janowicz saved one match point in his third-round win against Britain's Andy Murray on Thursday and had broken Tipsarevic for the second time in the third set when the Serb called for a trainer.

Tipsarevic continued for a few moments more, and Janowicz was 40-0 up on his serve when Tipsarevic waved his racket to indicate he was stopping, drawing jeers from the crowd at the Bercy indoor arena.

There were huge cheers for the 21-year-old Janowicz.

"It's really not easy for me to realize actually what is going on in my life right now," Janowicz said. "I did something magical. I just played really like I can put



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every single ball in, and I'm in semifinal ... my family was crying after yesterday's match and after today's match."

Organizers said that Tipsarevic, who qualified on Thursday for the season-ending World Tour Finals in London next week, started feeling fatigued at the end of the first set.

"I didn't realize there is something wrong with him," Janowicz said. "He was ba-

sically playing the same tennis like in the first set ... maybe he was dizzy or had headache or whatever."

The 69th-ranked Janowicz faces Gilles Simon, who is also unseeded, in the semifinals. The Frenchman earlier beat fifth-seeded Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-4.

"I will play against French guy, but mentally I'm a really tough guy," Janowicz said. "I remember in my

match against Andy Murray in Great Britain during Davis Cup three years ago, whole crowd was against me, over 5,000 people. I didn't really care."

Janowicz explained that his fighting spirit partly comes from a difficult childhood.

"I was bad boy at the school. High school I was fighting with everyone, with teachers. I was really bad guy," he said. "It's really not easy for me to explain why I'm that kind of guy, why, for example, yesterday I played against Andy Murray and I didn't feel pressure at all."

Janowicz, who was playing in Futures tournaments at the start of the year and is still struggling for sponsorship back home, has beaten four players ranked in the top 20 on his way to the last four — Philipp Kohlschreiber (19) Marin Cilic (15), Murray (3) and now Tipsarevic (9). Simon is ranked 20th.

"Maybe because of this win I will get some bigger

sponsor," Janowicz said, adding that he has been on every Polish television channel since beating Murray. "This year I didn't go to Australian Open because I just didn't have money." He slept little after the Murray win, and expects to be up until the early hours again following his latest upset win.

"I just went to sleep at 5:00 (on Friday morning)," Janowicz said. "It doesn't matter if I sleep. I don't eat. Right now I'm playing best tennis of my life."

Janowicz picked up his form in the second set, breaking Tipsarevic twice. The 21-year-old did not face a single breakpoint, and held to love on his service game to level the match.

Tipsarevic double-faulted twice in losing the third game of the third set and Janowicz then held to love with an ace on his second serve to open up a 3-1 lead. He broke Tipsarevic again with a booming forehand winner for 4-1. □

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NFL Preview

Dolphins v Colts: One team bound for NFL playoffs?

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

No NFL playoff races are decided in early November. For the Miami Dolphins and Indianapolis Colts, however, just seeing themselves in strong contention for a wild card has to be very satisfying.

To the rest of the league, it is surprising. And one of them will be 5-3 after they meet in Indianapolis on Sunday.

"Don't read about yourself, don't pat yourself on the back, respect the process of a Wednesday, a Thursday, a Friday and a Saturday on how to prepare," Colts interim coach Bruce Arians said of his message to the team. "They don't change from week to week. As long as you respect the process, you don't get caught in those peaks and valleys of I'm good, I'm bad, I'm good, I'm bad."

The Colts have looked pretty good since being crushed by the New York



Indianapolis Colts running back Vick Ballard (33) dives into the end zone for a touchdown as Tennessee Titans free safety Michael Griffin, right, defends during overtime of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012, in Nashville, Tenn. The Colts won 19-13.

Associated Press

Jets in their fifth game. Granted they have beaten Tennessee and Cleveland in close contests, but the maturity they have shown as the schedule progresses has been impressive.

Top overall draft pick Andrew Luck credits that balanced approach Arians

spoke of.

"I think you realize, who cares if the playoffs started today? They don't," Luck said. "It doesn't matter what your record is now. It matters what it is after that last week. Realize it's a week-by-week thing. We are not looking ahead to

anything. It's the Dolphins." The vastly improved Dolphins.

Miami was blown out in its opener at Houston, but has been in every game since, with both losses coming in overtime. The three-game winning streak has been built on all phases, with special teams laying down the hammer on the Jets last Sunday.

Now, they are in position to make a playoff drive, beginning at Indy.

"It's always fun," coach Joe Philbin said. "I told the players, 'There's nothing better in the National Football League than coming to work in November and December and ... having meaningful games.' It's a lot of fun. It gets your juices going as it should."

The New York Giants, the Super Bowl champions, are preparing for an emotional home game with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

This game comes just six

days after superstorm Sandy ravaged huge portions of the New York City metropolitan area and cities and counties along the New Jersey coastline, leaving many without power, lodging and food.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin thought of them this week.

"I think the devastation is part of our world," Coughlin said. "Our players have gone through a little bit. I don't know the extent of the damage of their homes, but I know the majority of them have been without power."

That's just a small sample of what's going on in this part of the world.

Hopefully, we can relieve some of that and give people a reason to have smiles on their faces for a few hours on Sunday afternoon."

Both teams are rounding into form after slow starts. The Steelers have won two in a row and trail the injury-ravaged Baltimore Ravens by a game in the AFC North. The Giants have won four straight and have a chance to run away with the NFC East with Dallas, Philadelphia and Washington struggling.

Eli Manning and Ben Roethlisberger will have a lot to say about who wins. Both have been outstanding this season.

Manning was taken No. 1 and Roethlisberger 11th in the 2004 draft, and both have led their teams to two Super Bowl titles. Roethlisberger has followed Manning's career, admitting that at first he wanted to show everyone that he was as good as the No. 1 pick overall. □

AP source: NHL cancels

Winter Classic at Big House

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ANN ARBOR, Michigan (AP)

— A person familiar with the situation tells The Associated Press that the NHL has cancelled the 2013 Winter Classic at Michigan Stadium.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity on Friday because the league had not yet announced the cancellation of one of its signature events. The person also said the NHL will schedule its next Winter Classic at the university sta-

dium that seats more than 100,000.

Last week, the NHL wiped out all of its previously scheduled games through the end of November.

Detroit and Toronto were going to play outdoors on Jan. 1 at the stadium known as the Big House. The league was hoping the matchup would break the world record for ice hockey attendance. Michigan's and Michigan State's college ice hockey teams drew a record 104,173 fans in 2010. □



In this Feb. 9, 2012 file photo, National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman announces the NHL Winter Classic hockey game at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Associated Press.

NBA Roundup

Parker buzzer-beater, Spurs stun Thunder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio's Tony Parker sank a 21-foot jumper as time expired and the Spurs won a thrilling reprise of last season's Western Conference finals, beating the Oklahoma City Thunder 86-84 on Thursday.

Parker scored the last of his 14 points while Serge Ibaka — the NBA's leading shot-blocker last season — ran at him full steam. The All-Star guard calmly swished a long jumper from the left wing before breaking into a long, sustained scream while his teammates mobbed him.

Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant led all scorers with 23 points and began his sixth NBA season by becoming the second-youngest player behind LeBron James to reach 10,000 career points. Durant, however, stood frozen under the basket for several seconds after Parker's

shot before walking off the court.

Throw in the trade that sent James Harden to Houston, and it was the second Thunder stunner this week.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 20 points and eight rebounds. Parker also had 11 assists and hit a 3-pointer with 28.4 seconds left that tied the game and set up his buzzer-beater on the next possession.

Durant also had 14 rebounds. Russell Westbrook scored 18 points but made a poor pass on the Thunder's final possession that gave the ball back to the Spurs with 5.9 seconds left, giving Parker plenty of time to set and release his shot.

Thursday's other scheduled game between the Brooklyn Nets and New York Knicks was postponed due to the after-effects of Superstorm Sandy. □



San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker (9), of France, shoots a buzzer-beating basket over Oklahoma City Thunder's Serge Ibaka, center, at the close of the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, in San Antonio. San Antonio won 86-84. Spurs' Tim Duncan, second from left, and Oklahoma City's Kendrick Perkins (5) watch. Associated Press

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NFL Roundup

Norv's Bolts beat staggering Chiefs 31-13

BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — It took a win against arguably the worst team in the NFL to get San Diego Chargers coach Norv Turner off the hot seat, at least for 10 days.

And if things have been bad for the embattled Turner, imagine what Kansas City counterpart Romeo Crennel is going through after his Chiefs were beaten by the Chargers 31-13 on Thursday.

The Chiefs committed four turnovers and lost their fifth straight game.

Turner had been heavily criticized by fans after the Chargers blew double-digit, second-half leads in losses to New Orleans and Denver, and then lost 7-6 at Cleveland on Sunday.

At the start of halftime, some fans in one end zone unfurled a big yellow banner that read: "Mr. Spanos, please fire A.J. & Norv."

Team president Dean Spanos decided in January to bring back both Turner and general manager A.J. Smith even though the Chargers missed the playoffs for the second straight year and have only one postseason win in four seasons.

Spanos probably wasn't inclined to fire Turner during the season, although a loss to the Chiefs would have

been more than embarrassing.

"We didn't talk about it specifically, but we want to win for him every week," Rivers said. "You play for a lot of things, but we play for our coach. I think that has been evident over the years when we have struggled."

Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers, who looked shaky during the losing streak, did his part by completing 18 of 20 passes, or 90 percent, for 220 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. It was the sixth time in NFL history a quarterback had completed 90 percent or more of his passes, and tied Steve Young for fifth on that list.

The Chiefs' NFL-high 29 turnovers have led to 104 points.

"Similar to what's been happening throughout the course of this year, we shoot ourselves in the foot," Crennel said. "We're in a hole and we have to fight our way out. ... It wasn't very good overall, but we're going to keep coaching and keep fighting and play our way out of it."

The Chiefs still haven't led in regulation this season. Their only victory in eight games came when Ryan Succop kicked the winning field goal against New Orleans in overtime. □



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel loses the ball while being sacked by San Diego Chargers Jarret Johnson in his own end zone during the second half of an NFL football game Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012, in San Diego. The Chargers recovered the ball for a touchdown.

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New set of challenges for hospitals in storm's wake

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NEW YORK — From the moment the water lapped above street level in lower Manhattan, the doctors and nurses of Bellevue Hospital Center began a desperate struggle to keep patients safe. By 9 p.m. Monday, the hospital was on backup power, doctors said, and an hour later, the basement was flooded.

Officials rushed to move the most critically ill patients closer to an emergency generator. After midnight, doctors heard shouts in the hallway. The basement fuel pumps had stopped working, and medical residents, nurses and administrators formed a bucket brigade to ferry fuel up 13 flights to the main backup generators.

By Tuesday, the elevator shafts at Bellevue, the country's oldest public hospital, had flooded, so all 32 elevators stopped working. There was limited compressed air to run ventilators, so oxygen tanks were placed next to patients' beds if they needed it. Drinking water went out, food ran low, and buckets of water had to be carried up to flush toilets.

Some doctors began urging evacuations, and on Tuesday, at least two dozen ambulances lined up around the block to pick up many of the 725 patients housed there. People carried babies down flights of stairs. The National Guard was called in to help. On Thursday afternoon, the last two patients were waiting to be taken out.

The evacuation went quickly only because Bellevue had planned for such a possibility before Hurricane Irene hit last year, several doctors said.

But the city, which had evacuated two nearby hospitals before that storm, decided not to clear out Bellevue for either hurricane.

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, the consequences

of bad calls, bad luck and equipment failures cascaded through the region's health care system, as sleep-deprived health care workers and patients were confronted by a new kind of disarray.

A patient recovering from a triple bypass operation at Bellevue walked down 10 flights of stairs to a waiting ambulance, one of the dozens provided through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to speed patients across the



Ralston Davis, who had a triple heart bypass operation at Bellevue hospital and had to walk down 10 flights of stairs when it was evacuated, at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y., Nov. 1, 2012. The consequences of bad calls, bad luck and equipment failures have cascaded through the region's health care system, as sleep-deprived health care workers and patients rise to the challenge, after Superstorm Sandy, of a new kind of disarray.

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

metropolitan region.

Mount Sinai Medical Center, already dealing with the 2 a.m. arrival of a dozen psychiatric patients who spoke only Chinese, was struggling to identify the relatives of brain-injured traffic victims from Bellevue who arrived three hours later with only rudimentary medical records.

In Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, the emergency room was straining to meet the rising need for emergency dialysis for hundreds of people shut out of storm-crippled private dialysis centers. Patients who would normally get three hours of dialysis were getting only two, to ensure the maximum number of people received at least a minimal amount of care.

"The catastrophe is grow-

ing by the minute," said Eileen Tynion, a Maimonides spokeswoman. "Here we thought we'd reached a quiet point after the storm." Every hospital maintains an elaborate disaster plan, but after Hurricane Sandy, the fact that many health care facilities are in low-lying areas proved to be something of an Achilles' heel. Bellevue became the third hospital in the city to evacuate after the storm's landfall, after NYU Langone Medical Center, just north

of Bellevue, and Coney Island Hospital, another public hospital.

New York Downtown Hospital, the only hospital south of 14th Street in Manhattan, and the Veterans Affairs Hospital, just below Bellevue, had evacuated before the storm.

Hospital executives were reluctant to criticize their colleagues or city officials. But the sequence of events left them with many questions.

City health department and emergency officials have been particularly fervent about citywide disaster drills, she added, but "as prepared as we think we are we've never had a mock disaster drill where we carried patients downstairs. I'm shocked that we didn't do that. Now we're going to." □

Enduring the storm for homebound patients

JOHN LELAND

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NEW YORK — Nine flights above East 22nd Street, Russell Oberlin, 84, had no heat or electricity, no phone, no elevator service and two cancerous tumors on his right leg that required daily medical attention.

As two burners on his stove provided warmth on Thursday, Suzanne Gilleran, 47, carefully cut the gauze around Oberlin's leg. "How's your pain today?" she asked. "Did you take anything?"

As parts of the city edged toward some semblance of normal on Thursday, tens of thousands of people like Oberlin, who depend on essential home medical care, remained tenuously connected to lifesaving services by agencies like Partners in Care, an affiliate of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

At the Visiting Nurse Service of New York alone, more than 5,000 nurses, aides, social workers and others were out serving patients around the city during and after the storm.

Nurses and home aides, who often earn minimum wage or just above it, had to make a decision: go out in the storm or its aftermath, possibly risking their lives and ignoring conditions in their own homes, or make life possible for the patients depending on them.

"I saw six patients yesterday," said Gilleran, who trains nurses at Partners in Care, and does not ordinarily make home visits. But because of Hurricane Sandy, the agency pressed all available registered nurses into field duty, as did other agencies around the city, often sending them into conditions made difficult by the weather: the power failures, the lack of public transit, the traffic.

It took Gilleran three hours on the express bus from Forest Hills, Queens, to get to Oberlin. Then there were the stairs. The lowest patient "was on the fourth floor," she said, "the highest was on the 14th."

"I realized," she added, "I walked halfway up the Empire State Building, and most of the stairwells were pitch black." Allison Chisholm, 46, who works for the Visiting Nurse Service, lives with a frail mother in Park Slope, Brooklyn. When the lights started flickering during the storm on Monday, she had images of her mother falling in the dark. But she also had patients who needed her, including one receiving hospice care in a 12th floor apartment in Chinatown, and one needing an intravenous round of antibiotics in the West Village. "It was treacherous driving during the hurricane," said Chisholm, fitting an intravenous line into the arm of Jill Gerson, 71, who teaches social work at Lehman College in the Bronx. "But it's just something you have to do as a nurse. That continuity of care helps the healing. I don't see this as being heroic. I have a conscience. I need to get to sleep at night."

Gerson had been hospitalized twice — first as a result of complications from a dental implant, then because of a reaction to her antibiotics. If she missed one day of antibiotics now, she would probably be all right, but two or three days could be life-threatening.

Gerson, who lives in the West Village, close to the Hudson River, stayed in her home rather than move in with friends, even as the water flowed down her street and into her basement. "This woman has been saving my life," she said, pointing to Chisholm.

Ghislaine Chery, 50, provides home care to patients at two housing projects in the Rockaways; under normal circumstances she travels with a guard. When the storm approached, and the Rockaways were subject to mandatory evacuation, she talked with her clients about leaving. "After Irene, many of them had had to wait several days for buses to return, and they didn't want to go through that again," Chery said in a telephone interview. □

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Review: Surface mostly bridges work-play divide

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — I've been conditioned just like any other consumer to expect certain things from certain companies. When it comes to tablets, I expect Apple's to look and feel amazing, Google's to seamlessly blend online services such as Gmail and search, and Amazon's to have easy access to its on-line store.

So when Microsoft came out with its first tablet computer, the Surface, I wanted and expected a machine that is good for work. After all, its Windows operating system runs most of the world's computers, particularly in corporate environments.

The Surface is Microsoft's first attempt at a general-purpose computer. In the past, it made the software and left it to other companies to make the machines. But to catch the tablet wave led by Apple's iPad, Microsoft felt it needed to make its own device.

The Surface's price tag starts at \$499, the same as the latest full-screen iPad, but if you are going to buy one, you'll want to spend the extra \$100 or more for an optional cover that comes with a working keyboard.

After several days with it, I felt that Surface comes close to becoming a replacement for my work computer, but it doesn't make it all the way. Some elements designed for "play" make Surface surprisingly good, while others verge on being frustrating.

INTERFACE:



In this Friday, Oct. 26, 2012, file photo, Microsoft store product advisor Stuart Pitts displays the new Surface tablet computer as customers enter the store as it opened in Seattle.

There's no doubt that Surface has a split personality, steeped in its very physical design. It's a tablet, but transforms into a personal computer with the keyboard cover, snapped on using its magnetic spine.

Trying hard to be both means compromises. For instance, a kickstand lets you prop up the screen on a flat surface so that it feels more like a laptop with the keyboard attached, but the setup is clumsy for typing on your lap. On the other hand, you can flip the keyboard cover upside down and use the kickstand to form a supportive triangle for the screen. In this position, the device is a comfy companion while watching TV on the couch.

A big aspect of the split personality comes in the software. Surface's start screen has a bunch of square tiles that represent apps — akin to the round icons on

iPhones, iPads and Android devices. One touch, and an app opens full screen. But there's also a tile that takes you to a very different operating system called the desktop. Presumably, this is where the "work" begins.

Because the desktop interface takes on the old Windows style of boxes and icons, your suddenly big-seeming fingers become less well-suited to navigating. I had to give up on touch and use the keyboard cover with its trackpad (The pricier Type Cover with real keys is far easier for typing than the soft, flat Touch Cover, by the way). Swiping around on the cover's built-in trackpad quickly brings up the mouse pointer, whose precision you'll both need and appreciate in the desktop world.

WORK:

The Surface that went on sale Oct. 26 comes with

Windows RT, the slimmed-down version of Microsoft's newest operating system, Windows 8. While I understand the need for a slimmer OS to run on low-power chips that extend battery life, RT makes the device clearly not a PC.

Although the device has Microsoft's latest browser, Internet Explorer 10, third-party plug-ins that have helped power the Web for years don't work correctly. I couldn't get behind my company's firewall because a Juniper Networks plug-in couldn't be installed. IE 10 is meant to be plug-in free, but the Web hasn't caught up to it yet. Devices with the full version of Windows 8 won't have the same plug-in problem, Microsoft says. But a Surface with Windows 8 Pro isn't due out for a few months.

Surface gives you free copies of the Office programs Word, Excel, PowerPoint,

and OneNote, which is a big bonus. The RT versions of Office operate much like the full versions, but lack some meaningful conveniences such as the ability to email files as attachments with a couple of clicks. Microsoft says that's because Outlook isn't included in the package. Instead, Surface uses a program called Windows Mail, but it makes little sense to me why it can't be integrated with Office.

Still, in my testing I was able to save and access Word and OneNote documents on Microsoft's Internet-storage system, SkyDrive. As a result, I could access those files back on my office computer without the hassles of USB and other storage drives.

PLAY:

Part of the "play" element of Surface should have been the joy of just getting around using the touch screen, but some things made it confusing.

At first, I didn't have a problem with the need to swipe in from the edges to make certain options appear. Swiping in from the right brings up several buttons including ones for searching, changing settings or returning to the start screen. When you first set up the device, an explanatory graphic pops up to walk you through it.

You hold the device with both hands and the screen lengthwise, and you do the swiping with your thumbs. This is very different from the idea of holding the tablet with one hand and touching it with the other, which Apple's iPad seems to favor. □

US stocks waterlogged by Sandy's mounting costs

DANIEL WAGNER
AP Business Writer

Waterlogged from Superstorm Sandy and unmoved by a solid October jobs report, U.S. stocks fell sharply Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 139 points as details about the storm's costs began to trickle out.

Verizon Communications, whose downtown Manhattan facilities are still without power, said the storm would have a "significant" effect on its fourth-quarter earnings. Verizon said it could not yet estimate the cost of the storm, which downed cell towers across the region. Its stock fell 62 cents to \$44.52.

"The information coming out from the economic impact of Sandy is a negative," said Rob Lutts, president of Cabot Money Management in Salem, Massachusetts. "I think the markets are trying to digest that and understand that, so there is a little bit of uncertainty."

Insurers, the group that will feel the storm's effects most acutely, plunged en masse as analysts warned that the storm will eat into their income. Raymond James analysts lowered their estimates for Allstate; Barclays analysts cut theirs for Hartford Financial Services Group Inc.

The chairman of Hartford, Liam McGee, told investors on a conference call

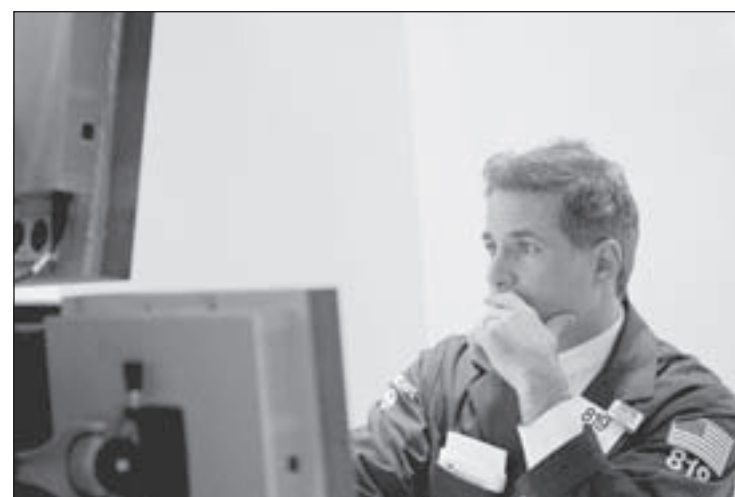
that the storm's costs are just beginning to come into focus. "It's much too early for us to provide data with any level of certainty," McGee said. He said it wasn't until Thursday that adjusters were able to view the damage to Long Island, one of the hardest-hit areas.

Hartford fell 66 cents, or 3 percent, to \$21.26. Allstate dropped 49 cents to \$38.56. American International Group Inc. plunged \$2.52, or 7 percent, to \$32.68. Genworth Financial Inc. dropped 16 cents, or 3 percent, to \$6.06.

After a day of steady selling, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 139.46 points, or 1.1 percent, at 13,093.16. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 13.39, or 0.9 percent, at 1,414.20. The Nasdaq composite index lost 37.93 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,982.13.

The day started with a burst of hope: In the last big piece of economic news before Tuesday's presidential election, the Labor Department said employers added 171,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate ticked up to 7.9 percent. More jobs were added in the previous two months than was first reported, the government said. European stocks rose on the news and U.S. stocks opened higher. The Dow gained as much as 57 points in the first half-hour of trading. After that, the indexes commenced a steady slide.

All ten categories in the S&P 500 were lower by the end of the day. Consumer discretionary stocks had the narrowest loss. Internet travel sites priceline.com and TripAdvisor Inc. were among the S&P 500's top gainers. The companies surprised investors with better-than-



A trader works on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. Waterlogged from Superstorm Sandy and unmoved by a solid October jobs report, U.S. stocks fell sharply Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 139 points as details about the storm's costs began to trickle out.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

expected third-quarter earnings after the market closed on Thursday. TripAdvisor rose \$5.71, or 19 percent, to \$35.12. Priceline added \$48.64, or 8 percent, to \$634.74. Starbucks rounded out the S&P 500's top three gain-

ers, adding \$4.22, or 9 percent, to \$50.84. The ubiquitous coffee vendor said late Thursday that global revenue at cafes open at least a year rose 6 percent during its fiscal fourth quarter, which runs from July through September. □

US factory orders rise 4.8% in September

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. companies boosted their orders for manufactured goods by the largest amount in 18 months in September, but companies remained cautious in ordering goods that signal plans to expand and modernize. Factory orders rose 4.8 percent in September compared to August, a month when orders had fallen 5.1

percent, the Commerce Department said Friday.

The September gain was the biggest since March 2011 and was driven by a surge in demand for commercial aircraft, a volatile category which had seen orders plunge in August.

Demand for core capital goods, viewed as a good proxy for business investment plans, edged up a slight 0.2 percent in September following a 0.3 percent rise in August.

The two modest gains followed two months of huge declines as business investment remains weak.

Businesses have grown more cautious for a number of reasons. Many are concerned about the economic outlook overseas. Europe's financial crisis has pushed many countries in the region into recession. That has cut into U.S. exports and corporate profits. Growth has also slowed in China, Brazil and other big developing nations which are major markets for American exports.

Companies are also hesitant to commit the money to major expansion and modernization projects without



Workers form a large spindle at Solmet Technologies in Canton, Ohio. U.S. companies boosted their orders for manufactured goods by the largest amount in 18 months in September, but companies remained cautious in ordering goods that signal plans to expand and modernize, the Commerce Department said Friday, Nov. 2, 2012. Factory orders rose 4.8 percent in September compared to August, a month when orders had fallen 5.1 percent.

(AP Photo/Mark Duncan)

knowing whether large tax increases and big government spending cuts will take effect in January should Congress fail to reach a budget deal to avert them.

The report on factory orders covers durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, and nondurable goods such as chemicals, paper and food.

Orders for durable goods jumped 9.8 percent, a slight downward revision from a preliminary report showing a 9.9 percent increase but still the largest in nearly three years. Aircraft orders surged 2,650 percent, following a 97.2 percent drop in August. Orders for primary metals such as steel rose 3.9 percent while demand for machinery was up 9.2 percent. □

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Berkshire to buy Oriental Trading

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With the holidays approaching, Warren E. Buffett has found a way to stock up on elf hats and reindeer paper plates: by buying an 80-year-old retailer overflowing with them.

On Friday, Buffett's company, Berkshire Hathaway, agreed to buy Oriental Trading Co., acquiring a catalog-based arts-and-crafts company whose wares include Santa door-knob kits and a color-your-own Christmas photo holder. Berkshire paid about \$500 million, according to people briefed on the matter.

"Oriental Trading is a leader in its industry, has a strong management team and delivers exceptional customer value and service," Buffett said in a statement. "We are delighted to have them join the Berkshire Hathaway family and continue their quest to make the world more fun."

The deal signals the end to a series of ownership changes for Oriental Trading, which has been passed among private equity firms and retooled under bankruptcy protection. Its current owners include Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which took a big stake in it during the Chapter 11 process.

Oriental Trading was founded in 1932 by Harry Watanabe, a Japanese immigrant in Omaha, Neb., who found a profitable niche in selling Kewpie dolls and a slew of other trinkets through local stores and carnivals.

His son, Terry, grew the business enormously by expanding a catalog business that drew in direct sales to churches and schools. □

US economy adds 171K jobs; rate rises to 7.9 pct.

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers added 171,000 jobs in October and hiring was stronger over the previous two months than first thought, pointing to a slowly improving jobs picture four days before President Barack Obama tries for re-election.

The unemployment rate inched up to 7.9 percent from 7.8 percent in September as many more Americans began looking for work, and not all of them found jobs. The government uses a separate survey to calculate the unemployment rate, and it counts people without jobs as unemployed only if they're looking for one.

"We've made real progress," Obama told a crowd in Ohio shortly after the report. "But we've got more work to do."

Friday's report was the last major snapshot of the economy before Tuesday's elections. It's unclear what political effect the report might have. By now, all but a few voters have made up their minds, particularly about the economy, analysts say.

Since July, the economy has created an average of 173,000 jobs a month. That's up from 67,000 a month from April through June. Still, Obama will face voters with the highest unemployment rate of any incumbent since President Frank-

lin D. Roosevelt and slightly higher than the 7.8 percent on Inauguration Day.

Republican nominee Mitt Romney, in a statement issued as he traveled to Milwaukee for campaign events, said that on Nov. 6 voters will have to choose between stagnation and prosperity.

"Today's increase in the unemployment rate is a sad

employment report provides further evidence that the U.S. economy is continuing to heal from the wounds inflicted by the worst downturn since the Great Depression," said the chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, Alan Krueger.

The work force — the number of people either working or looking for work —

port," said Julia Coronado, an economist at BNP Paribas.

Friday's report included a range of encouraging details.

The government revised its data to show that 84,000 more jobs were added in August and September than previously estimated. August's job gains were revised from 142,000 to 192,000, September's from 114,000 to 148,000.

The job gains in October were spread across industries. And the percentage of Americans working or looking for work rose for a second straight month, to 63.8 percent. In August, the percentage had hit a 31-year-low of 63.5.

The economy has added jobs for 25 straight months. There are now 580,000 more than when Obama took office.

But there were also signs of the economy's persistent weakness. Average hourly pay dipped a penny to \$23.58. In the past year, pay has risen just 1.6 percent. That has trailed inflation, which rose 2 percent.

Because more people sought jobs than found one, the number of unemployed rose 170,000 to 12.3 million. That pushed up the unemployment rate.

The October jobs report was compiled before Superstorm Sandy struck the East Coast earlier this week and devastated many businesses. □



Patricia Mazza, left, meets job seekers, including recent college grads Ashley Deyo, 22, second from left, and Chyna Dama, 23, second from right, during a National Career Fairs' job fair, in New York. U.S. employers added 171,000 jobs in October and hiring was stronger over the previous two months than first thought, pointing to a slowly improving jobs picture four days before President Barack Obama tries for re-election.

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reminder that the economy is at a virtual standstill," Romney said. "When I'm president, I'm going to make real changes that lead to a real recovery, so that the next four years are better than the last."

The administration defended its economic policies.

"While more work remains to be done, today's em-

rose by 578,000 in October. And 410,000 more people said they were employed. The difference is the reason the unemployment rate rose slightly.

The influx of people seeking jobs "could be a sign that people are starting to see better job prospects and so should be read as another positive aspect to the re-

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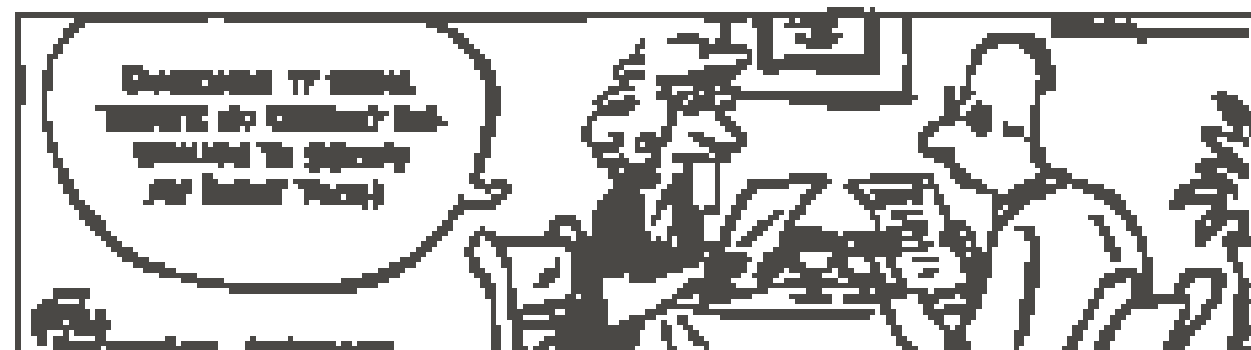
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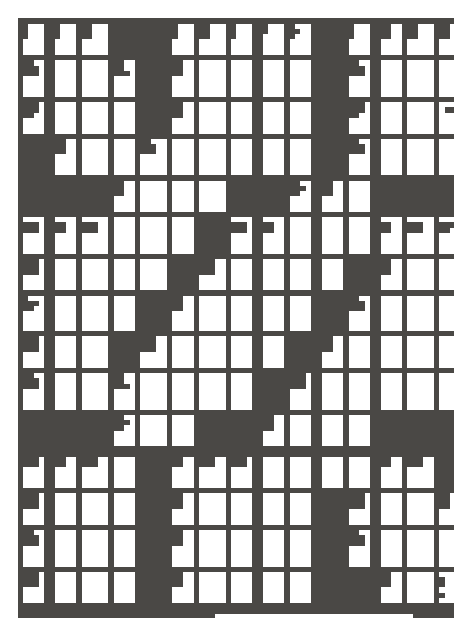
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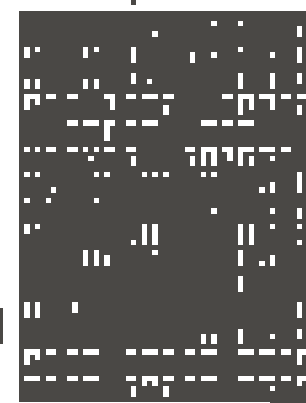
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Today's Puzzle



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Rescuing horses as industry bides its time

JOE DRAPE

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HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Deborah Jones has a ticket to the Breeders' Cup, and as a lifelong horse lover, she would cherish a weekend amid the best thoroughbreds in the world and some of the most prominent owners in racing. But she will not make the drive 41 miles north to Santa Anita Park on Friday to watch the horses of sheiks and titans of industry compete for more than \$25 million in purses. Instead, Jones will make and take dozens of phone calls from like-minded thoroughbred advocates on the lookout for former racehorses that have landed at auctions and are en route to slaughterhouses in Canada and Mexico. When they are found, she will call their breeders or former owners in the hope they will send a trailer or some money to help find the horses a safe home. Some have been horrified to learn of their horses' fate and have helped immediately. But many more, Jones said, have declined to help at all. Just two weeks ago, eight horses were discovered in a kill pen in Ohio. One of them had raced 12 days earlier at nearby Thistle-down, and another had earned more than \$217,000 in his career. Jones mobilized a rescue through her Facebook page. Within hours, \$6,200 was raised, and the horses — all in poor shape — were removed, quarantined and under veterinarian care. Over the past four years, Jones and her informal network have raised tens of thousands of dollars to save hundreds of horses. "It is frustrating to know that these thoroughbreds are bred to make money for people," Jones said. "There are values assigned to their pedigrees, they run for big purses, but then you see how easily they are discarded." In the past three years, nearly 86,000 thoroughbreds have been registered as foals, but only about half of them will actually make it

to the races, according to Jockey Club statistics. Slow or injured horses do not stay on an owner's balance sheet for long, and only a handful of horses possess the rare combination of regal bloodlines and proven talent to assure a career after racing. In 2011, for example, 1,861 stallions covered 35,391 mares in North America. So where do the other former racehorses go? Hard numbers are elusive, but 138,000 horses were sent to Canada or Mexico in 2010 to be turned into meat for Europe and other parts of the world, according to a Government Accountability Office report. Advocacy groups say up to 10 percent may be thoroughbreds. "We know the problem is

Mindy Lovell has stopped hundreds of horses from reaching a slaughterhouse in Quebec, and she cares for more than 40 of them herself on her farm in Ottawa. They include expensive sons and daughters of stars like Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Skip Away. It costs her \$7,000 a month to keep them fed and cared for, money that comes out of her pocket. "In all the years I've done this, only one breeder has ever taken back his horse and cared for it the rest of its life," Lovell said. "So many involved in the racing industry just sit there silently while we pull them out of the kill pens." John Murrell is a longtime horse owner and a friend of Jones'. Like many who



Deborah Jones, a thoroughbred advocate, at a stable where she volunteers in Huntington Beach, Calif., Oct. 30, 2012. Rescue groups are on the lookout for former racehorses that have landed at auctions and are en route to slaughterhouses in Canada and Mexico.

(Ann Johansson/The New York Times)

massive: Half the foal crop doesn't make it to the races year after year, and it becomes exponential," said Mike Ziegler, executive director of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, an organization of breeders, owners, sales companies and racetracks recently formed to accredit and raise money for facilities for retired thoroughbreds. Some owners treat their horses as members of the family and retire them to their farms or find them a home at retraining centers. Other owners treat them as commodities. Their horses are the ones that Jones and dozens of rescue groups come across.

save horses, he has a hard time squaring his passion for what he believes is a beautiful sport and the greed that encourages cruelty and abuse off the track. He provided half the money to rescue Grunwald, a 5-year-old gelding who had won 11 times, and the seven other horses that went from the racetrack to the kill pen in Ohio in October. He knows he cannot save every horse, but he has spent countless hours and thousands of dollars saving scores of them. "I'm part of the industry, and I know many, many fine people who take care of their horses," said Murrell, a Dallas-based oilman. □

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John C. Reilly gets animated in 'Wreck-It Ralph'

SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It wasn't easy for John C. Reilly to become "Wreck-It Ralph."

The 47-year-old Oscar nominee (for 2002's "Chicago") initially didn't want the job, reticent about the scope of the project and the process of making animated movies.

"I'd heard that making animated movies for actors was often kind of this isolated, strange experience," Reilly said. "You go in and do your lines, and then you react to recorded lines from other people, and you're never in the same room at the same time and maybe you meet them at the premiere, the other actors." He'd been told that animated films were made by committee, rather than the director's vision guiding the project. And the previous animated roles he was offered never provided a complete script.

"I was like, that doesn't sound fun at all," he said. "That just sounds kind of like just an empty suit kind of job."

But that wasn't his experience on "Wreck-It Ralph."

Reilly attended story meetings, met with animators to develop the look of his character and worked side by side with co-stars Jack McBrayer, Jane Lynch and Sarah Silverman.

"We improvised a ton," he said. "I really, really loved it."

He did motion studies with the animation team, which incorporated Reilly's gestures and movements into the look of the massive-handed, 9-foot-tall, 643-pound Ralph.

"I was like, 'This is how he gets up from a chair. It's like an eight-step process. It's kind of like an elephant raising itself off the ground,'" the actor recalled, adding that he recognized himself in the character, especially in "the secondary gestures, like picking -at-himself kind of things."

"Every single gesture and expression that a character makes in an animated movie means hundreds of hours, if not thousands of hours of work from a bunch of people," Reilly said, "so I was really happy that they made the commitment to do those little subtle things to really finish out the character in a really detailed



In this Monday, Oct. 15, 2012 file photo, John C. Reilly, a cast member in "Wreck-It Ralph," poses for a portrait at the Beverly Hilton, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

way like that."

The filmmakers appreciated Reilly's contributions so much that the actor earned a story credit.

"It turned into this dream job," the actor said. "I'm really glad that I took my time trying to find the right animated thing to do first because this turned into something I can be really proud of, and that I put a

lot of heart into, you know?

"If you're going to have an avatar or something like that follow you for the rest of your life, it might as well

be something that you really feel like you put a lot of heart into. That it's not just a toy. It's a project that you really believe in." □

Heidi Klum to make this year's EMA's super sexy

LONDON (AP) — Super-model Heidi Klum promises to bring a "super-sexy" feel to the 2012 MTV European Music Awards when she hosts the show in Germany on Nov. 11.

The "Project Runway" star says she will be dressed head-to-toe in Versace for the event in Frankfurt, but she may need a last minute costume fitting as she reacquaints herself with the local cuisine.

"I'm probably going to gain a few pounds," she joked. "I always eat too much schnitzel."

The German star's appearance on the show will see her follow in the footsteps of Katy Perry, Eva Longoria



This Sept. 23, 2012 file photo shows model and host of "Project Runway," Heidi Klum arriving at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles. Associated Press

and Selena Gomez.

Taylor Swift and Rhianna lead this year's nominations with six and five nods

respectively, and featured performances include Alicia Keys, The Killers, Pitbull and Psy. □



In this undated file film image released by Disney/Pixar, the character Merida, voiced by Kelly Macdonald, follows a Wisp in a scene from "Brave."

Associated Press

21 animated features vying for Oscar nominations

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Brave," "Wreck-It Ralph" and "Rise of the Guardians" are among the animated features angling for an Oscar nomination.

The motion picture academy said Friday that 21 films have been submitted for consideration in the Academy Awards' animated feature category.

"Dr. Seuss' The Lorax," "Frankenweenie," "Ice Age Continental Drift" and "ParaNorman" are among the high-profile movies vying for one of five nominations. Other contenders include France's "The Rabbi's Cat" and Japan's "From Up on Poppy Hill."

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says several of the films listed have not yet had their required Los Angeles qualifying runs.

"Rango" won the prize earlier this year after 18 films were in nomination contention.

The 85th annual Academy Awards are set for Feb. 24, 2013, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. □

APNewsBreak: John Cusack developing Rush Limbaugh film

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor and outspoken liberal John Cusack is developing a movie about conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, Cusack's production company said Friday. The working title is "Rush," Cusack's New Crime Productions confirmed, offering no other details. Hollywood director Betty Thomas, who's set to work on the film, said the production company is putting finishing touches on a script that will star the actor. Production is set for next year,



In this March 20, 2010 file photo, actor John Cusack poses for a portrait in Los Angeles. Associated Press

Thomas said.

Limbaugh is in the front ranks of colorful and provocative media figures. Earlier this year, Limbaugh called a Georgetown law student a "slut" and a "prostitute" on air for arguing to Democrats in Congress that health plans should pay for contraception.

This week, the host mocked Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie for his kind words for Obama after Christie praised the president's response to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Cusack as Limbaugh isn't typecasting, politics aside. Cusack is a slender, dark-haired 46-year-old, while Limbaugh is 61, balding and portly. But Hollywood's makeup experts have probably had greater challenges.

A publicist for Limbaugh said Friday he would check with the host for comment. The agency representing Cusack, Creative Artists Agency, declined comment on the project. Cusack's credits range from the teen flick "Sixteen Candles" to offbeat films like "Being John Malkovich." He attended President Barack Obama's 2008 inauguration but has criticized Obama over his military and civil liberties policies.

Thomas is a former actress ("Hill Street Blues") and an Emmy-award winning director ("Dream On") whose big-screen films include Howard Stern's "Private Parts" and "The Brady Bunch Movie."

Thomas' latest project is an online series, "Audrey," that is showing on the YouTube channel WIGS. □

Director Betty Thomas finds passion project online



In this undated publicity photo provided by WIGS, Kim Shaw as Audrey, left, and Arielle Kebbel as Marissa, are shown in a scene from "Audrey." Directed by Betty Thomas, "Audrey," is a short Web series showing on the WIGS YouTube channel.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Director Betty Thomas neatly sums up the benefits of making a low-budget online series: a lack of high-level meddling.

"There's no network saying, 'Oh, Betty, I'm not sure viewers will like that character if she picks that banana up,'" the Emmy-winning actress turned director said. Mention that the character enjoys fruit, she said, and the network comeback may be, "But what does a banana symbolize?"

The independence Thomas enjoyed making "Audrey"

for the WIGS YouTube channel came with its own challenges, including limited resources for the half-dozen episodes that are seven to eight minutes long.

"You get whoever you can force to work for no money," she said. She had the advantage of cajoling previous collaborators including Gary Cole, whom Thomas directed in the big-screen "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995).

"Audrey," about a woman whose great passion in life is food, also allowed for the discovery of relative newcomers Kim Shaw, who plays Audrey, and screenwriter Leah Rachel. New episodes debut Monday

and Friday through Nov. 16. Shaw "is so spectacular in the piece. She came out of nowhere for me but really works in ways I couldn't have imagined," Thomas said. Rachel is "such a hip girl, with a voice I never heard before, certainly a voice I've never been able to direct before, a young, free voice."

Launched last March, WIGS is the brainchild of filmmakers Jon Avnet ("Black Swan," "Fried Green Tomatoes") and Rodrigo Garcia ("Albert Nobbs," TV's "In Treatment"). WIGS is an acronym for the channel's tagline, "Where it gets interesting." □

Mary J. Blige joining Sandy benefit concert

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mary J. Blige was added to the bill of NBC's Friday telethon benefiting victims of superstorm Sandy, and HBO has agreed to televise it.

The telethon is scheduled to air at 8 p.m. Eastern and Western times, with Bruce Springsteen, Jon Bon Jovi, Billy Joel, Sting and others performing to benefit the American Red Cross and its disaster relief efforts.

The event, with Matt Lauer as host, is heavy on stars identified with New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area, which took the brunt of this week's deadly storm. Actor James Gandolfini of "The Sopranos" and comic Jon

Stewart will also participate.

It will air across the stable of NBC Universal networks, including USA, CNBC, MSNBC, E! Entertainment, The Weather Channel and Bravo.

NBC Universal invited other networks to televise the event, but so far only HBO, Discovery Fitness & Health and Velocity have signed on.

That may have something to do with network rivalries. In the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the networks organized a benefit together behind the scenes and it was televised on more than 30 networks simultaneously, including all of the big broadcasters.

After Hurricane Katrina, NBC televised its own benefit event before the other broadcasters,

one that became best known for Kanye West's off-script declaration that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." The other broadcasters cooperated on their own telethon a week later, and NBC televised that one, too. Also this year, NBC organized and scheduled a telethon on its own and gave others the chance to air it. Others have declined to televise the telethon, even though ABC parent Walt Disney Co. said it would donate \$2 million to the American Red Cross and various ABC shows will promote a "Day of Giving" on Monday. The CBS Corp., Viacom Inc., parent of "Jersey Shore" network MTV, Fox network owner News Corp. also announced big donations to the Red Cross. □

It's All Up To Ohio!



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CINCINNATI – Have we mentioned that it's all up to Ohio?

"People do like being the center of the universe. And Ohio – when does that happen?" asked P.G. Sittenfeld gleefully. He is a member of the Cincinnati City Council who went to battle recently over a series of billboards that popped up in minority neighborhoods announcing "VOTER FRAUD IS A FELONY!" with a picture of a gavel banging down.

The ads, which certainly seemed less than encouraging, were paid for by a foundation led by a big Republican donor from Wisconsin. Now they're down, and thanks in part to Sittenfeld's yelps, there are new billboards in the same neighborhoods saying, "Hey, Cincinnati: Voting Is a Right, Not a Crime."

So there's a happy ending. Although, in an ideal world, we probably wouldn't be required to remind folks that voting for president is not against the law. "How do Florida and Colorado feel?" Sittenfeld wondered. "Do they resent us? Is there swing-state envy?"

It's been all up to Ohio for months now. But, on Wednesday, a new CBS/New York Times/Quinnipiac poll showed President Barack Obama leading Mitt Romney by 5 points in the Buckeye State. In response, Romney officials began to suggest that maybe it was really all about Pennsylvania.

Nobody took them seriously. Mitt is bringing half the Republican Party to Ohio on Friday to kick off the new "Romney-Ryan Real Recovery Road Rally." Everybody's coming – Ann, the sons, Paul Ryan, Paul Ryan's wife, whom we have yet to actually meet, Rudy Giuliani, a couple of Olympic medalists and pretty much every Republican elected official except He Who Must Not Be Named in New Jersey.

Sudden plans for a road trip are usually the sign of a pressing need to escape reality.

Ohio is currently famous for its oversupply of TV campaign ads – Douglas Tiff, a legal research clerk in Cincinnati, counted 16 in a row one recent night. It also has a history of Election Day crises. This is one of the reasons voting now runs for more than a month, the better to reduce the chances of a last-minute pileup.

(Earlier this year, the Republican secretary of state seemed bent on expanding voting hours even more in the suburbs while reducing them in the cities, but he has gotten over that.)

Nearly a quarter of the likely voters have already cast their ballots. Frankly, I don't see why everybody hasn't voted already, because this is the only way to keep the desperate party workers from calling you and coming repeatedly to your door to ask you to get with the program.

The Romney-Ryan Real Recovery Road Rally will begin in John Boehner's hometown of West Chester. Then everybody will fan out across the land to distract the country from the fact that Romney once said he wanted to get rid of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. And, actually, it's not very fair to bring that up. That was during the primaries, and Romney did not mean a single thing he said during the primaries. The person currently running for president is the late-fall Mitt Romney, who is mainly concerned with China. And "change."

Change is so 2008. Right now, we are just looking for a president who will nudge things a tad toward the right general direction. Bring us the guy who won't totally screw things up. We want a "No New Disasters" rally.

About Ohio. Obama canceled a big Cincinnati rally Wednesday, but his supporters here didn't seem to mind. This was mainly because Ohio appreciated the importance of focusing on the disaster along the East Coast, but also because local Democrats are in such a state of manic anxiety that the president's visit was just going to be that many hours lost from going door to door, begging people to vote or putting up lawn signs and then replacing the lawn signs when they're stolen.

"I wanted to sit up all night in a lawn chair," said Michele Mueller, who has lost a large number of Obama signs to vandals. "But my husband said, no, we're going to hang them from the tree." The next morning when they woke up, the Muellers found someone had climbed into the trees and draped towels over their placards. So it goes.

If this election is going to be all about somebody other than me, I'm good with Ohioans. They are, as a group, hardworking, unassuming and inclined to take their civic responsibilities seriously.

"I don't ever get anybody saying: 'I'm not interested,'" said Denise Driehaus, a state representative and compulsive door-to-door campaign worker.

Her brother, Steve, was a Cincinnati congressman who lost his seat in the big Republican surge of 2010. He then joined the Peace Corps and took his family to work in Swaziland. This should be a model for every ex-congressman lobbyist in Washington. Look to Ohio, guys. It's all about Ohio. □



Looking Deep Into The Minnesota Mirror



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ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. – I was

debating whether to go to the Turkish-Syrian border this week or to visit my old high school in Minnesota. I decided to make the exotic foreign trip and go to Minnesota. I thought it might be useful to look at this election through the window of my hometown of St. Louis Park. I have not been disappointed. I found in this little suburb of 45,250 people outside Minneapolis – which was memorialized in the movie, "A Serious Man," directed by the Coen brothers, who also hail from here – all the key trends impacting America. For starters, there is the changing face of the town. We had two African-Americans among the 2,500 students at St. Louis Park High when I graduated in 1971, and everyone there was either Christian or Jewish. When I walked through the high school cafeteria on Monday, there were six teenage girls covered in colorful Muslim hijabs and the principal, Robert Metz, explained to me that "today we have more Muslim students than Jewish students." This is the byproduct of the huge influx of Somali refugees to Minnesota. Metz said my old high school, which now has open enrollment and competes for students from around Minneapolis, attracts young people both for its academic rigor and because they want to go to a richly diverse school that mirrors the world in which they'll be working. There are more than 30 languages

spoken in the elementary school near my old house – exactly 29 more than when I lived here.

Mayor Jeffrey Jacobs of St. Louis Park notes that 85 percent of residents here today don't have kids in local public schools, yet they regularly vote to increase real estate taxes to improve these schools, because they understand that "you cannot cheap skate yourself to greatness" and "they see value for their money." But that attitude is no longer held statewide.

When I was growing up, my congressmen were liberal Republicans (there was no other kind in Minnesota back then) in a Democratic district. No one thought anything of it. Today my congressman here would be Keith Ellison, an African-American Muslim and one of the most liberal Democrats in the House, while liberal Republicans in Minnesota today are as rare as a two-headed moose. The state House and Senate Republican caucuses today are dominated by the tea party and libertarian followers of Ron Paul.

But here's what's telling. These GOP hard-liners, while able to win their more conservative "exurbia" and rural districts, are not doing well when it comes to overall state politics. Minnesotans have not wanted to entrust them with the governorship or national Senate seats, which is another way of explaining why Mitt Romney only gained ground on President Barack Obama when he started to market himself as a moderate ready to work with Democrats. Note to Mitt: Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a Democrat, is up for re-election here and leading her libertarian GOP opponent by 43 percentage points in the latest Star Tribune/Mason-Dixon poll (65 to 22) and in one report this summer was found to have \$5.4 million in campaign cash on hand while her opponent had \$5,800. That is not a typo.

Note to Obama: Klobuchar built that lead by combining a moderate liberalism with a pro-business, pro-jobs agenda and a pragmatic problem-solving approach. All of Klobuchar's campaign ads are positive, and many feature Republican business leaders explaining why they are voting for her. Most Minnesota voters "want their politicians to be problem-solvers, not ideologues," Klobuchar said to me. Sen. Al Franken, who's also laser-focused on jobs, boasted to me that Minnesota is now "The Silicon Valley of windows," because of all the high-tech window manufacturers here. Franken, who's also a St. Louis Park native, added, "Minnesota wants its politicians to operate on principles, but if one of your principles is to never compromise, they don't want that."

Many business-oriented Republicans here are not only voting for Klobuchar but are giving her money, because they've become frustrated by the far-right lurch of the state GOP, explained Lawrence Jacobs, a politics expert at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. The state is home to many global companies that would accept some tax increases to build better infrastructure and schools in order to have better-educated workers. And the Republican-dominated Chamber of Commerce here is leading the charge for open immigration, so Minnesota can bring in more knowledge workers from India to enrich its workforce.

"In Minnesota, for many years, we had a party structure that was dominated by leaders who wanted to win and problem-solve," Jacobs said. Now, he added, the state Republican Party is dominated by tea party and libertarian insurgents, not the business community, and their attitude is "we play for principles and if we lose so be it." □

Justices give drug-sniffing dogs their day in court

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WASHINGTON — In back-to-back arguments about drug-sniffing dogs, the Supreme Court this week seemed open to limiting their use outside homes but not near cars.

The first argument concerned Franky, a chocolate Labrador retriever who detected the smell of marijuana outside a Florida house. The police obtained a warrant to search the house based on Franky's signal, and they found a marijuana-growing operation inside.

The court's four liberal justices all asked questions that were skeptical of allowing dogs to sniff around near homes without probable cause. They were joined by one of the court's conservatives, Justice Antonin Scalia, who sometimes staked out positions more protective of homeowners' privacy than the lawyer for the defendant in the case.

The Supreme Court has said the privacy of the home is at the core of what is protected by the Fourth Amendment's ban on unreasonable searches. Scalia is the author of the majority opinions in both a 5-to-4 decision in 2001 limiting the use of thermal-imaging technology to peer into homes and a unanimous ruling in January, on varying rationales, limiting the use of GPS tracking devices on cars.

Scalia's opinion in the second case was based on the physical trespass of attaching the GPS device, and trespass issues were at the heart of his questioning on Wednesday.

Scalia told the defendant's lawyer, Howard K. Blumberg, that he had been "misguided to concede" that even a police officer without a dog was entitled to conduct an olfactory inspection of a front door. Blumberg quickly adopted the point but later made a second argument that Scalia found insufficiently aggressive.

"Again, I think you're wrong

to accept that," Scalia told Blumberg about the relevance of a police officer's state of mind in approaching a front door.

"If he's going on just to knock on the door to sell tickets to the policeman's

Justice Sonia Sotomayor said that the court's eventual decision in the case, *Florida v. Jardines*, No. 11-564, might therefore in essence "tell all the drug dealers, put up a sign that says, 'no dogs.'"

Stephen G. Breyer suggested that the answer might affect his analysis.

"Would a homeowner resent someone coming with a large animal sitting in front of his front step on his property and sitting there

forth, trying to figure out where the greatest concentration of the smell is," she said, adding that it seemed to be "a lengthy and obtrusive process."

On the other hand, Kagan later said, a brief visit to the front door might be different.

"The dog comes up, takes a sniff, barks, sits down," she said. "And, you know, to make it even more, the dog is not a scary-looking dog. The dog is a cockapoo."

Blumberg said nothing would turn on those distinctions.

"Whether it's a cockapoo or Franky, who, from all the pictures, appears to be a very cute dog," Blumberg said, "it's not what the dog looks like, it's what the dog is doing on the front porch." The second argument, in *Florida v. Harris*, No. 11-817, concerned Aldo, a German shepherd who helped his human partner find chemicals used to make methamphetamines in a pickup truck that had been pulled over near Bristol, Fla. The questioning was sedate, and the defendant's lawyer, Glen P. Gifford, seemed to gain little traction for his argument that Aldo's reliability had not been adequately established.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said the issue should be left to trial judges.

Joseph R. Palmore, a lawyer for the federal government, which supported the prosecutors in both cases, said police dogs did invaluable work.

"There are 32 K-9 teams in the field right now in New York and New Jersey looking for survivors of Hurricane Sandy," he said.

Roberts asked whether dogs that were good at one task were necessarily good at another. "Can they be good at bombs," he asked, "but not good at meth?"

Palmore said he did not know because dogs tended to specialize. "I think once a dog kind of chooses a major," he said, "that's what they stick with." □



Aldo, a retired drug sniffing dog with the Liberty County Sheriff's Office in Florida, who was the subject of an argument heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. In back-to-back arguments about drug-sniffing dogs, the Supreme Court on seemed open to limiting their use outside homes but not near cars.

(Handout via The New York Times)

ball," Scalia said of the hypothetical policeman, "that's fine. If he's going on to conduct a search, that's something else."

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. said there was no precedent for that distinction.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked if there was anything to prevent the police from routinely using dogs to "sniff in front of every door, or go into an apartment building."

Gregory G. Garre, a lawyer representing the prosecutors, said "they could do that" but might be deterred by "the restraint on resources and the check of community hostility."

Ginsburg asked whether a "no dogs allowed" sign on the front law would be effective, and Garre said yes. "That's a way in which the house is different than a car," he said.



A facade covers the Supreme Court building during renovations in Washington. In back-to-back arguments about drug-sniffing dogs, the Supreme Court seemed open to limiting their use outside homes but not near cars.

(Luke Sharrett/The New York Times)

Without such a sign or something similar, Garre said, "There is an implied consent for people, visitors, salesmen, Girl Scouts, trick-or-treaters, to come up to your house."

There was a dispute about how long Franky had spent sniffing around, and Justice

sniffing for five to 15 minutes?" he asked, indicating that it would not be plausible to assume consent in that situation.

Justice Elena Kagan seemed to agree. "This dog is there for some extended period of time, going back and forth and back and